



# THE SOURCE

*Keeping you informed on what's happening in the world of Crime Stoppers.*

## FROM THE TIPS LINE

*As a result of the online "Name our Community Bulletin" Contest we are proud to introduce THE SOURCE to you. Thanks to all who entered!*

### HARVEST A REWARD!

Once again, Crime Stoppers is looking for your help to stop illegal narcotic operations in Haldimand Norfolk and Tillsonburg. With summer upon us, now is the time for illegal marihuana crops to be transplanted outdoors.



Marihuana requires good sunlight and an adequate water supply to grow. This means that it is often planted along side creeks or on the south side of fields. Marihuana can also be found near other legitimate crops (such as corn), along fence lines or in wood lots. Many times illegal crops are planted on property without the landowner's knowledge or consent.

Marihuana is a bright green plant that has an odd number of leaves in clusters. Plants are usually around six inches to eight inches tall when planted outdoors and can grow to reach heights of five to ten feet at maturity.

Marihuana plants emit a distinct pungent odour and are tacky to the touch.

If you come across an illegal marihuana crop or a crop that you think looks suspicious, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-6966 or 1-800-222-TIPS. A cash reward will be paid for successful tips. For more information on how Crime Stoppers works visit [www.cashrewards.org](http://www.cashrewards.org).

### "STATS" INCREDIBLE!

Crime Stoppers is in the crime-fighting business and business has been *great* since our last bulletin! Take a look at the statistics achieved from April to June 2002:

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| Criminals Arrested         | 25            |
| Charges Laid               | 75            |
| Drugs Taken Off the Street | \$1.6 million |
| Stolen Property Recovered  | \$95,000.00   |

### WHO KNEW?

Did you know that Crime Stoppers only accepts tips via the toll-free anonymous tip line (1-800-263-6966 or nation-wide 1-800-222-TIPS). Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg does not take tips via email or face to face. Telephone tips ensure the best quality tip is taken and the caller's identity is not in jeopardy. Protecting the identity of the caller is a number one priority for Crime Stoppers.

### EMAIL ANYONE?

Would you like to be added to the "Friend of Crime Stopper" mailing list? "Friends" will receive regular Crime Stoppers email updates including the featured "Crime of the Week", THE SOURCE newsletter, press releases and other important crime-fighting information. Join now!

To Join: [office@helpsolvecrime.com](mailto:office@helpsolvecrime.com)

**SINCE OUR LAST BULLETIN**  
**COMING UP ROSES**

**TAKE OUR ONLINE POLL**  
[www.helpsolvecrime.com](http://www.helpsolvecrime.com)

The first annual Crime Stoppers Spring Gala "coming up Roses" was a huge success raising over \$10,000 for the crime-fighting program! Special thanks goes out to all those who attended, volunteered and made donations. A special thank you is extended to the event's major sponsor, Erie Mutual Fire Insurance. We hope to see everyone again next year at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Crime Stoppers Spring Gala to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

#### LETTER CAMPAIGN DONORS TO DATE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our letter campaign. Since our last bulletin:

Oswego Friendship Women's Institute  
Optimist Club of Tillsonburg  
St. Mary's Catholic Women's League  
Rotary Club of Dunnville  
Vittoria Lions Club  
Order of the Eastern Star, Br 156  
Caledonia Lioness Club  
Langton Lions Branch Club (formerly  
Langton Lioness Club)

#### AWARD WINNING PROGRAM!

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg is keeping up with their award winning reputation in 2002. At this year's provincial Crime Stoppers conference the local program came home with two media awards for the Delhi News Record and Rogers Television out of Tillsonburg. The awards show that not only do we get great support from our media outlets, but they also do outstanding work!

Crime Stoppers was also recently given the Award of Excellence by the Ontario Crime Control Commission for fighting crime.

#### NICE WHEELS!

Crime Stoppers now has two new team members taking part in the fight against crime - A 2002 Honda Civic and a 2002 Dodge Caravan! Keep your eyes peeled for our coordinators driving around your neighbourhood in the new fleet vehicles from Simcoe Honda and Demeyere Chrysler Dodge Jeep. The gang at Signs Now in Simcoe are responsible for the eye-catching lettering.

Quick Clean Car Wash on the Queensway in Simcoe helps keep our vehicles looking great with complimentary car washes.

#### KINSMEN COLLECT FOR CRIME STOPPERS

The Simcoe Kinsmen have been long-time supporters of Crime Stoppers and kept the tradition going by collected change for Crime Stoppers during the Friendship Festival parade. Thanks Simcoe Kinsmen!

#### STUDENT NEWS

##### STUDENT AWARD WINNERS



Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg awarded Jessica Armstrong of Valley Heights Secondary School with the William Robert Courtage Community Service bursary. Congratulations Jessica!

Congratulations also go out to Ashley Ricker of DSS and David White from PDCS. Both were recently awarded Community Safety Awards due in part to their involvement with Student Crime Stoppers programs. Way to go!

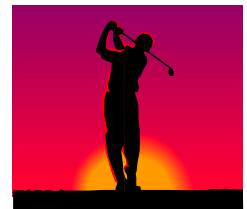
#### POSTER CONTEST

Alica Komejan of Holy Trinity School won an Ericsson cellular phone donated by the Hagersville Post Office for her winning entry in the Student Crime Stoppers Poster Contest winner. To see Alicia's first place poster visit the Student Crime Stoppers section at [www.helpsolvecrime.com](http://www.helpsolvecrime.com)

#### COMING EVENTS

##### PILOT INSURANCE & CRIME STOPPERS TEE UP

Pilot Insurance has teed up with Crime Stoppers as this year's major sponsor for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Central Erie and Haldimand Insurance Broker's Association Golf Tournament to be held on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pine Valley.



**Cold cash for hot tips!**  
**Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)**